- (C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT BRING OR PURSUE AN ACTION UNDER § 3–1701 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE IN A COURT UNLESS THE PERSON COMPLIES WITH THIS SECTION.
- (2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN ACTION:
- (I) <u>WITHIN THE SMALL CLAIM JURISDICTION OF THE</u>

  <u>DISTRICT COURT UNDER § 4–405 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE;</u>
- (II) IF THE INSURED AND THE INSURER AGREE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; OR
- (III) UNDER A COMMERCIAL INSURANCE POLICY ON A CLAIM WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THE APPLICABLE LIMIT OF LIABILITY EXCEEDS \$1,000,000.
- (D) (1) A COMPLAINT STATING A CAUSE OF ACTION UNDER § 3-1701 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE SHALL FIRST BE FILED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.
  - (2) THE COMPLAINT SHALL:
- (I) BE ACCOMPANIED BY EACH DOCUMENT THAT THE INSURED HAS SUBMITTED TO THE INSURER FOR PROOF OF LOSS;
- (II) SPECIFY THE APPLICABLE INSURANCE COVERAGE AND THE AMOUNT OF THE CLAIM UNDER THE APPLICABLE COVERAGE; AND
- (III) STATE THE AMOUNT OF ACTUAL DAMAGES, AND THE CLAIM FOR EXPENSES AND LITIGATION COSTS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (E)(2) OF THIS SECTION.
- (3) The Administration shall forward the filing to the insurer.
- (4) <u>WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE FILING IS FORWARDED</u> TO THE INSURER BY THE ADMINISTRATION, THE INSURER SHALL:
- (I) FILE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, EXCEPT FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, A WRITTEN RESPONSE TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF EACH DOCUMENT FROM THE INSURER'S CLAIM FILE THAT ENABLES RECONSTRUCTION